UNITED NATIONS **S**

Security Council

Distr.
GENERAL

S/1994/813
11 July 1994

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

LETTER DATED 11 JULY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In response to the Russian delegation's press release No. 13 of 30 June 1994 concerning the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina, my delegation wishes to highlight misleading and offensive labels and terminology, routinely employed by the Belgrade regime and its surrogates, which were repeated in said press release.

We deeply regret that the press release on 10 separate occasions refers erroneously to our Government and/or army as the "Muslims". We want to state the fact that the Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Government of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina have always represented and consisted of people of all ethnic and religious backgrounds and this fact will continue to hold true in the future.

The most troubling aspect of the press release is the statement reading: "As stated recently by President of the Serbian Republic R. Karadzic, if the offensive continued for a few more days, the Army of the Serbian Republic would 'go over from passive defensive to an active one and will whisk the Muslims off to their territories'." My Government believes that this statement and the language contained therein is inconsistent with the role of the Russian Federation as a Member State of the General Assembly and of the Security Council, neither of which recognize the authority of Dr. Karadzic, which has been usurped through aggression and genocide. Furthermore, this language is inconsistent with the Russian Federation's role as a Contact Group member trying to deliver peace to the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

94-28066 (E) 110794 11/07/94